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FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE - CHANCELLOR



With two editions already out, I would like to congratulate the editorial team of the NEHU Panorama e-journal for its success. This is just the beginning and lot has to be done to make the journal even better and more appealing. I am sure the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication has been working very hard in making this e-journal a success and the third edition will also be success in covering the milieu of events which took place in NEHU in the month of April.

I once again wish the team all the very best in all their endeavors and hope that the future editions of the magazine will surpass the earlier issues in terms of content and coverage.

Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla
Vice-Chancellor

National Seminar on Human Rights concludes in NEHU on a high with signing of MoU with a film Production Company



Date: April 03rd, 2023 : Under the joint auspices of National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi and Department of Hindi, NEHU, a two-day national seminar was organized at NEHU, Shillong on the topic ‘Different Perspectives of Human Rights in Literature and Society’. On this occasion, as the keynote speaker of the program, Prof. Soma Bandhopadhyay discussed the various dimensions of human rights. “Human rights depend on social consciousness which can be restored through proper education” she said.

The chief guest of the program and member of the National Human Rights Commission, Mr. Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay described human existence as a part of human rights and said that where there are human beings, there are human rights. For this it is necessary for the human being to be sensitive. Mr. Mulay described the ancient Indian traditions as endowed with human rights and the edicts of Ashoka as the first manifesto of human rights which was inscribed by Ashoka for his subjects after the Kalinga victory. In his multifaceted statement, the

chief guest emphasized on rights and said that if you do not raise your voice, you will not be able to use your fundamental and legal rights.

In his presidential address during the closing ceremony, the Vice - Chancellor of NEHU said that **“A house where the human rights of women are protected, the women are safe and secure.”** At the same time, he told that by violating the boundaries, there has been violation of rights in the family and society as a result of which people are forgetting their duties.

“It is really an honor for me, my team and the entire film fraternity to do this work with NEHU Vice Chancellor Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla and his team, so that we can also open a filmmaking related course in this beautiful University. It will be dream come true when Black Screen Studio in joint collaboration with NEHU will be grooming the best of talent from here and also introducing them to the world of cinema.” He said.

NEHU creates employment opportunity for students

Date: April 19th, 2023 : In a landmark step, NEHU today saigned an MoU with the SODEXO in presence of the Deans of the various schools of NEHU and the team from Sodexo. Sodexo is a French food services and facilities management company headquartered in the Paris suburb of Issy-les-Moulineaux which employs more than 400000 people in over 55 countries and caters to have clients from all the sectors like private corporations, government agencies, and schools from pre-school through university, hospitals and clinics, assisted-living facilities, military bases, and etc. Ms. Annick De Vanssay, Chief Human Resource Officer and Mr. Sandeep Kumar, HR Operations Head, India represented Sodexo.



The MoU signed will help the students of NEHU in getting opportunity in varied fields like tourism, hospitality, marketing, engineering and technology, biological sciences, agriculture and many other fields of studies offered by NEHU.

Ms. Vanssay, the Chief Human Resource Officer of Sodexo thanked the Vice-Chancellor and his team in pursuing the company for a MoU and thanked him saying that the company looks forward to visit the University with the recruitment team to hire as many students as possible. She said that it is an honour to exchange MoU with the prestigious University like NEHU which will certainly benefit the company. Mr. Sandeep Kumar exhorted on the point that the MoU is actually a blessing for the company and that Sodexo is thankful to NEHU for the same.

Shri Sanyal, a member of Economic Advisory Council of Hon'ble Prime Minister delivers lecture on "Next 25 years of reform"



Date: April 17th, 2023 : A Youth 20 (Y20) lecture under NEHU's initiatives for G20 is held and renowned technocrat, author and policy advisor Shri. Sanjeev Sanyal delivered the distinguished lecture entitled, "Next 25 years of reform". Shri. Sanyal, a member of Economic Advisory Council of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India visited NEHU to deliver such an important policy oriented lecture to enlighten NEHU faculty, students, staff, researchers and others about the course of reform that India is going to undertake in next two decades or so. Shri Sanyal delineated need for transparency, innovation, efficiency and quick solutions to pending problems of delivery from the system and advocated a faster path of reform with due interventions from the Government.

The Lecture was organized by Office of International Affairs of NEHU with the aim to re-understand India's attempts to emerge into a global economic power by pursuing practical solutions to serious problems of

running the system.

Shri. Sanyal, as a cult figure, because of his writings of best-selling books like Land of the Seven Rivers, The Ocean of Churn, India in the Age of Ideas, and the Indian Renaissance has been a celebrated policy think tank, whose presence enthralled a huge audience. Ideas of reform, spelt out in terms of judicial reform, financial reform, bureaucratic reform and overall, the need for finding avenues of opportunities for the youth was emphasized by Shri. Sanyal.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.S. Shukla in his speech pointed out the strength of India's present leadership and argued that India will be able to go through all

difficulties and can evolve a path of self-reliance and self-development.

Shri. Sanyal was introduced in a befitting manner by Prof. Anand Shankar Dixit. In his brief address, Prof. Dixit, Registrar-in-Charge of NEHU explained the synergy between economics, natural sciences and technology that NEHU has built up over the years and in the present juncture, NEHU is following a path of contributing to national agenda of growing the economy by innovation and research.

Prof. Prasenjit Biswas, In-Charge of Office of International Affairs delivered a vote of thanks.

NEHU in collaboration with K. L. Bajoria College organizes a meeting of Directors of all the central educational institutes and followed by dinner in honour of Shri. Sanjeev Sanyal



Date - April 17th, 2023 : The North-Eastern Hill University, as part of the Youth 20 under G20 organized a meeting of Directors of all the central educational institutes such as EFL University, NEIGHRIMS, NEIAH, ICAR, IIM Shillong etc. in presence of Shri. Sanjeev Sanyal, Member, Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister of India to discuss common issues and problems of research and collaboration. The meeting had prominent citizens of Shillong as invited guests. As the discussion centered on problems faced by higher educational institutions in attracting investments for industry-oriented research, participation from wider sections of society was solicited. Accordingly, presence of educational cum business personality Shri B. L. Bajoria attended the dinner cum brainstorming session with Shri. Sanjeev Sanyal and other prominent thinkers and practitioners.

The meeting discussed issues like importance of more funding for research from industries, investors and governments. Shri. Sanyal, being Advisor to PM's Economic Council suggested that research funding as

an issue can be taken up at the appropriate bodies. It needs to be examined whether no. of applications for research funding has gone much higher in last few years and what is the success rate. Shri. Sanyal wanted that the idea of funding be based on a more realistic assessment. Prof. Nalin Mehta, Director of NEIGHRIMS highlighted the need for training young researchers on how to pitch a new problem and how to propose a novel solution through research. On a question on basic research, Shri. Sanyal pointed out that funding is no issue and in Social Sciences, the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research has been given good amounts by various relevant Ministries. But according to Shri. Sanyal, not enough workable and implementable ideas were brought out in various fields of basic research. He implored the gathering to take up the problems with grant-making bodies like DST, SERB, DBT, ICSSR and the like.

The meeting ended with the common idea of presenting institutions and universities of Meghalaya and Shillong to avail and create conditions of growth and progress.

MOOCs workshop for teachers and students conducted at NEHU



Date - April 20th, 2023 : MOOCs Center, NEHU today organized a one day workshop on “Implementation, Development and Promotion of MOOCs”. Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, Vice-Chancellor of NEHU graced the occasion as the chief guest and Prof. Prabhakar Rao from University of Hyderabad was the guest of honour.

In his welcome address Prof. S. K. Singh, Coordinator, MOOCs, NEHU thanked the Vice-Chancellor of NEHU and the two eminent resource persons Prof. Prabhakar Rao, University of Hyderabad and Prof. Rajesh Kumar, IIT, Madras for accepting the invitation

and delivering the lectures on implementation, development and promotion of massive open online courses. He also mentioned that NEHU now has a well equipped and fully functional MOOCs center and studio which has been the initiative of the Vice-Chancellor of NEHU. Prof. Singh thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his active role in developing the center and the studio as soon as he joined the University. The workshop saw the presentation of sessions by Prof. Prabhakar Rao from University of Hyderabad, Prof. Rajesh Kumar of IIT, Madras and Dr. Quendarissa Kharbuli of HRDC, NEHU who are eminent resource persons in the field of MOOCs.

Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp gets underway in NEHU



Date - April 20th, 2023 : The Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp (EAC) sponsored by the National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB), Department of Science and Technology (DST), GoI got underway in the NEHU campus. The course is being organized by the Department of Biomedical

Engineering, NEHU sponsored by Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI), Ahmedabad from 20th to 22nd April, 2023. More than 75 students from the different backgrounds are attending this three days camp. The experts from industry and academia who would be deliberating with the participants to make them aware about entrepreneurship, start-up, innovation, marketing an idea and generation of resources for product commercialization. This is the second EAC camp being organized after the last camp organized in month of March, 2023.

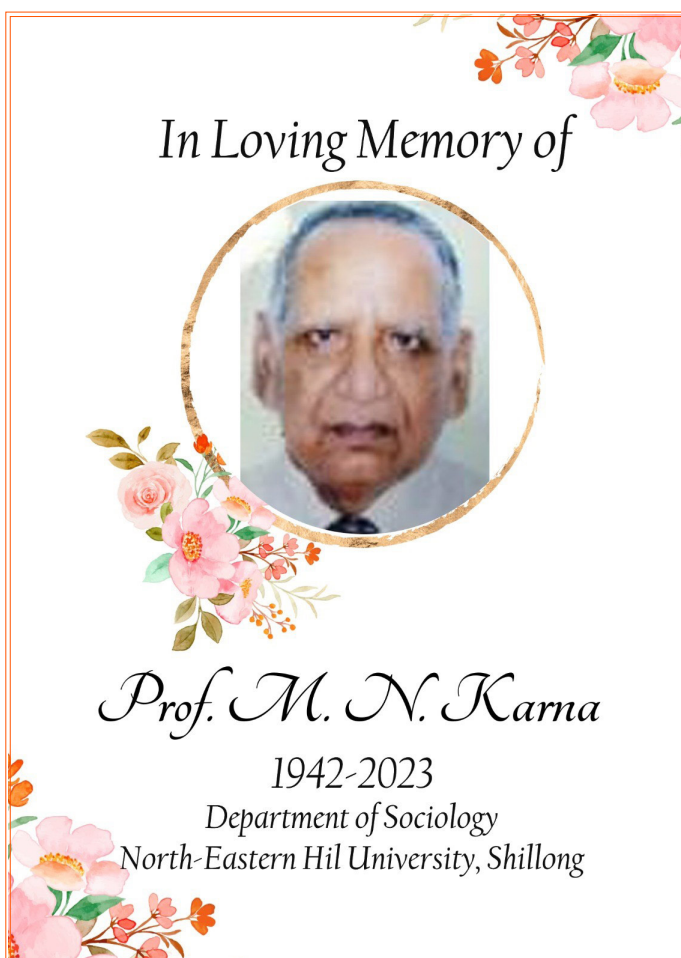
The course was inaugurated on 20th April, 2023 by Prof. Iftexhar Hussain, Dean, School of Technology who was the Chief Guest, NEHU, Dr. Nilesh Trivedi,

Assistant Director, MSME, Tura as Guest of Honour, Dr. P. Khongji, Head, BSSS, NEHU, Dr. Sudip Paul, Teacher-In-charge, BME Department, NEHU, Dr. Dinesh Bhatia, Course Coordinator and Dr. Punit Gautam, Course Co-coordinator.

Dr. S. Paul, highlighted the role of technology and how it could be employed to meet the needs of industry and self-sustain the technological advancements.

Dr. Punit Gautam delivered the vote of thanks by thanking all involved from the University and outside in the smooth conduct of the event and the course participants and resource persons who had joined for this awareness camp.

Condolence Meeting to Condole the Death of Prof. M. N. Karna



Date: April 11th, 2023 : The Department of Sociology, NEHU, Shillong held a condolence meeting on the 11th of April, 2023 at the Social Science cluster classroom to mourn the sad demise of Prof. M. N. Karna who passed away on the 9th of April, 2023. The Head of the Department, Prof. B. Panda highlighted the immense contributions made by Prof. Karna to the Department of Sociology, NEHU and to the discipline. It was attended by faculty members, staff, Ph.D. scholars and students of the Department. Prof. M.N. Karna was one of the pioneers of the Department of Sociology, NEHU who contributed significantly in shaping the Department which was established in the year 1976. One of the stalwarts of the Department, he was instrumental in contributing to the growth and development of research in Sociology of the North-East India. Among his many achievements, Prof. Karna was the recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest and most coveted award given by the Indian Sociological Society. The “M. N. Karna Young Sociologist Prize”, an award conferred to the topper of M. A. (Sociology) examination is an ongoing award which was contributed by him and instituted by NEHU. He has authored a number of books and articles in renowned International and

National Journals on various topics related to Development, Ethnic Movements, Tribal cultures and Tribal Movements. He was also an able organizer of various academic events with impeccable organizing ability. His vibrant and kindhearted nature will be missed by many. His demise is indeed an irreparable loss to the Department and academia at large.

A two minute silence was observed and heartfelt condolences were sent to the bereaved family.

Department's Farewell program for Prof. Henry Lamin

Date: April 28th, 2023 : Prof Henry Lamin had joined the Department of Anthropology as a young faculty on the 7th May 1988. He was one among the first batch of M.A. students who had completed both his M.Phil (1986) and Ph.D. (1992) in Socio-Cultural Anthropology. He had worked under the supervision of Prof. H. K. Bhat. His research topic for M. Phil dissertation was on the “Commercial Exploitation of Forest Resources in two Jaintia villages and its impact on Social and Cultural Institutions” while his Ph.D.



degree was on “Pnar Economy and Society: Changing Frontiers of a Tribal village in Meghalaya”. Under his supervision 14 Ph.D. scholars had been awarded their degree from this University.

In 1991 he was elected to the Meghalaya State Legislative Assembly from Nartiang Constituency, Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya. He rendered his services as Minister of Education in 1993-94 and Minister of Soil Conservation and Transport in 1997-1998, Government of Meghalaya.

In administration, Prof. Lamin had served as the Pro

Vice Chancellor during 2015-2021 and also as Chief Vigilance Officer of this University.

He also continued as Director, College Development Council in various capacities overseeing the development initiatives for a Deen Dayal Community College, at Wahiajer, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya. Officially NEHU had felicitated him as a retiree on 28th February 2023 however, the Department could bid adieu to him with a farewell program held on 28th April 2023 at the Cluster Classroom 101 (Non Science Block).

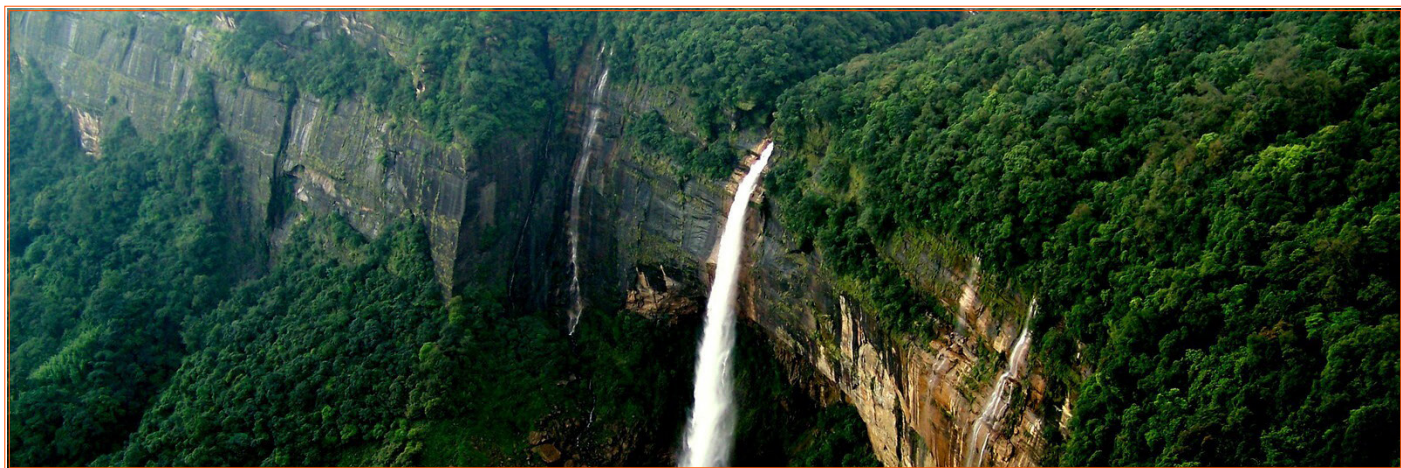
***Library and Information Centres in Digital India: Present Scenario and Future Strategies
Organized by Central Library, North-Eastern Hill University***



Date: March 18th, 2023 : The IASLIC 29th National Seminar was held at the Multi-Use Convention Hall in the NEHU Campus, Shillong and commenced with the Inaugural Programme at 10:30 AM. The session was chaired by Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, NEHU while the event was graced by Dr. W.R. Kharlukhi, Hon’ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) as the Chief Guest. Prof. Sanjay Kumar

Singh, Vice-President IASLIC Zone-5 and Shri. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary IASLIC also shared the dais. Dr. FR Sumer, Organizing Secretary welcomed all present at the Inaugural Programme of the seminar. The Souvenir Volume and the Abstracts of the Seminar Papers were released during the session. The audience was enthralled by a melodious song Million Dreams presented by the Research Scholars of the Department of Library & Information Science (DLIS), NEHU. The session ended with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. J.J. Thabah, Assistant Professor, DLIS, NEHU. Saplings were planted by the dignitaries at the premises.

A Glimpse of Meghalaya, “ The Legend of Ka Kshaid Nohkalikai”



Once upon a time, in the picturesque land of Meghalaya, there was a small village nestled in the heart of Sohra, called Rangjirteh. The village was surrounded by lush green hills, adorned with countless waterfalls and among them, was the most magnificent and awe-inspiring famous waterfall known now as Nohkalikai Falls.

The villagers grew up with the legend of Nohkalikai, passed down through generations. It was said that the waterfall derived its name from a tragic tale of a woman named Likai. Likai was a young and beautiful Khasi woman who reside with her husband and baby daughter.

One day, tragedy struck Likai’s life when her husband dies and she was forced to marry her new husband who grew hatred towards his stepdaughter. One tragic day when Likai was going out of the village for work, the stepfather committed an unforgivable act by killing Likai’s beloved daughter and cooking her flesh to serve supper for Likai. When Likai discovers this unimaginable horror, her world was shattered into a million pieces. Overwhelmed by grief and unable to bear the sight of her husband’s heinous crime, Likai fled from her home. She ran, driven by despair, until she reached the edge of a waterfall overlooking a deep gorge. With tears streaming down her face, Likai looked down into the abyss, her heart heavy with sorrow.

In that moment of anguish and desperation, Likai made a choice that would forever etch her name in the history of the village. She took a deep breath, summoning the last reserves of her strength, and leaped off the cliff, plunging into the depths below.

The villagers, in utter shock and disbelief, mourned the loss of Likai and named the waterfall “Nohkalikai,” which translates to “The Leap of Ka Likai” in the local Khasi language, as a perpetual reminder of the sorrowful event.

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